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SUBJ: FLUVIAL WATERWAYS STUDY DECREED

1. PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1.714 OF AUGUST 5, 1976, ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION WHICH IS TO STUDY THE FLUVIAL WATER TRANSPORT POSSIBILITIES OF THE ORINOCO-APURE-ARAUCA RIVER SYSTEM. THE COMMISSION IS TO PRESENT A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

2. THE STUDY IS MOTIVATED BY THE ENHANCED POTENTIAL PERCEIVED FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN ANDEAN REGION AS THESE RELATE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE GUAYANA AREA. THE DECREE PURPORTS THAT THE PRESENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM, WHICH DEPENDS EXCLUSIVELY OF TRUCKS, HAS NUMEROUS AND GROWING DEFECTS, AND THAT VENEZUELA'S EXTENSIVE RIVER NETWORK SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AS AN ALTERNATE SYSTEM.

3. THE THESIS OF THIS DECREE IS NOT NEW, BUT THE WEIGHT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE MAY GENERATE MORE SUBSTANSIVE ACTION ON THIS PROJECT THAN PREVIOUS STUDIES.
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